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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MITSUAKI AMEMIYA)
Application No.: 09/487,718)
Filed: January 19, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND PROCESS)
FOR PRODUCING CRYSTAL)
ARTICLE AND)
THERMOCOUPLE USED)
THEREIN)
Examiner: R. Kunemund
Group Art Unit: 1765
March 14, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2001, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group II claims (Claims 33-36 and 39) for initial prosecution on the merits.

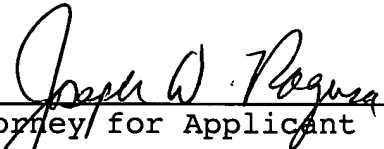
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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